

REFERENCE CENTER LIBRARY

CONFIDENTIAL

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP
INTELLIGENCE REPORT7E814
25X1A

COUNTRY Argentina

DATE:

INFO. March-April 1947

SUBJECT Bulgarian Communists in Argentina

DIST. 19 May 47

PAGES

25X1A

ORIGIN

SUPPLEMENT

25X1X

1. In anticipation of possible suppression of open Communist activities by the Argentine authorities, the Bulgarian Communist leaders have made preparations for going underground in case of necessity. Tomas Lavidov, who has been President of the Central Committee of the Bulgaria Libre, recently resigned his position, named his successor, and supervised a reorganization in anticipation of the possibility that he may have to leave the country. Although the new President of Bulgaria Libre, Minko Lenseff, is titular head, Lavidov retains his previous influence over both Bulgaria Libre and the Slav Union. Consequently, his resignation is considered as a precautionary measure resulting from his wife's fear that he may be arrested. 25X1X
2. [REDACTED] the "secret police" organization, composed of fanatically loyal Bulgarian Communists who act as spies in Argentina for the reporting of dissenters in Slav-Communist groups, also underwent a recent reorganization. In the event that Lavidov is forced to flee the country, the leadership of this police force is to be taken by Gheorgi Kasandjieff, the head of the Bulgarian Commercial Mission which arrived in Argentina during October, 1946. This is reported to be another confirmation of the political nature of the Commercial Mission, whose members have occasionally admitted receipt of definitely non-commercial directives from the Comintern. Although the acknowledged purpose of the Bulgarian Commercial Mission is to purchase leather and hides, it is reported to use this merely as a cover for political activities.
3. Kasandjieff recently concluded an inspection trip into the interior. He paid particular attention to the Bulgarian groups in Comodoro Rivadavia, Territory of Chabut, and in Las Brenas, Territory of Chaco. His purpose was to establish direct contact with the scattered Bulgarian secret police. The Chaco Territory is currently considered important in the Slav movement, as the majority of the various Slav groups there are rapidly coming under Communist domination.

This document contains information affecting the national defense of the United States within the meaning of the Espionage Act, 50, U.S.C. 31 and 32 as amended. Its transmission or the revelation of its contents in any manner to an unauthorized person is prohibited by law.

CLASSIFICATION

~~SECRET~~

Document No. 101018
 NO CHANGE in Class. ☐
☒ DECLASSIFIED
 Class. CHANGED TO: TS S C
 DDA Memo 4 Apr 77
 Auth: DDA Approved For Release 1999/09/08 : CIA-RDP82-00457R000600090009-1
 Date: By: 009

This document is hereby regraded to CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with the letter of 13 October 1978 from the Director of Central Intelligence to the Archivist of the United States.
 Next Review Date: 2003

CONFIDENTIAL

Extracted by I.R.